

PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date: October 16, 2007 [X] Consent [] Regular [] Ordinance [] Public Hearing

Department

Submitted By: Community Services

Submitted For: Head Start/Early Head Start & Children's Services

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to approve:

- A) Application to the Early Learning Coalition of Palm Beach County requesting funding for the period October 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008, in an approximate amount of \$479,416 to provide Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) services to 204 children for 540 hours per child per year; and B) Authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign necessary documents regarding the VPK program.

Summary: The FY08 VPK Program will provide early childhood education services to 204 four (4) - year old currently enrolled children in five (5) of the county's Head Start centers: Jupiter, Riviera Beach, West Palm Beach, Westgate and Belle Glade (Palm Glades). The VPK reimbursement rate is \$2,764.80 for 540 hours per child/ per year. The estimated income based on 85% attendance is \$479,416. No County match is required. (Head Start) Countywide (TKF).

Background and Justification: A constitutional amendment passed by Florida's voters in November 2002 required a voluntary pre-kindergarten program for all four-year old children by Fall 2005. The VPK Education Program was created and took effect in each county at the beginning of the 2005-2006 school year. The Program is organized, designed and delivered in accordance with Article IX, Section 1 (b) and (c) of the State Constitution. Palm Beach County Head Start and Children's Services Division operates Head Start program for 2051 economically disadvantaged children (0-5 years) at 12 County-operated child-care centers and 12 contractually-operated child-care agencies. The program operates for 10 hours/day for a full year for all 2051 children. Current levels of Federal and County funding has not kept pace with the increased cost of program operations. The partnership with VPK will bring in state funds to support the program's implementation, meet critical program needs, and implement quality improvement strategies to enhance outcomes for children and families. In addition, County funding will allow for the enrollment and expansion of services to an additional 126 children countywide.

Attachments: VPK Application

Recommended by: [Signature] 10-4-2007 Department Director Date

Approved by: [Signature] 10/10/2007 Assistant County Administrator Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>
Capital Expenditures	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Operating Costs	<u>479,416</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
External Revenue	<u>(479,416)</u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
Program Income (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
In-Kind Match (County)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
NET FISCAL IMPACT	<u> 0 </u>	_____	_____	_____	_____
# ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes ___ No X
 Budget Account No.: _____ Dept. _____ Unit _____ Object _____
 Program Code _____

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

State funds through the Palm Beach County Early Learning Coalition.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review.

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

The department will amend the budget once the grant is awarded.

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 Contract Dev. and Control
E. Jones 10/19/07

B. Legal Sufficiency:

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 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review:

 Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.